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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics

FROM: [REDACTED]

Chief, Supply Division, OL

SUBJECT: Additional Tasking for the [REDACTED]
OC Study (C)

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1. Per our discussion, I would like to suggest that the subject study be expanded to include the following:

a. Feasibility of direct input by field stations into the automated supply/procurement system of the future. Here we have in mind not only direct requisitioning and possibly property control by the Office of Communications (OC) area activities but also by DDO stations in a "paperless" fashion. We are particularly interested in knowing the current status of CRAFT or any other system which would permit this objective to be accomplished within the next few years. Even if feasible, there are, of course, a number of procedural and managerial issues which would have to be resolved. Just a few of these are identified in [REDACTED] note (attached). (U)

b. Effectiveness of the training of Logistics personnel and others who perform logistics tasks overseas. Specifically, we are thinking of the Field Administration Course in which we participate and the extent to which this course properly prepares officers for field assignments. During the travels of Messrs. J. [REDACTED] it would seem an ideal opportunity to discuss with newly arrived personnel the appropriateness of the training they received and, more importantly, the extent to which this training should be modified to reflect their actual needs. In a related item, we have been considering the issuance of a short, concise handbook or pamphlet describing for non-logisticians the

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Agency logistics and procurement systems and how to most easily obtain items therefrom. This would be similar to 25X1A

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c. Feasibility of OC regional activities maintaining and issuing certain high priority, common use items from 25X1A

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2. Two other areas which are of considerable interest to us but which you may not wish to include in the [REDACTED] study because others are already working on them are the regional base concept and integrated logistics support planning for new OC systems. Regarding the former, it is my understanding that [REDACTED] DD/L, and [REDACTED] SSA/DDA, are working on this concept and, at the appropriate time, the concerns and needs of the Supply Division will be included in its development. Regarding the latter, [REDACTED] was initially intended to perform this task with OC, and I assume his replacement is now doing so. Certainly, early decisions concerning the maintenance concept for a new system, the level of spares which will be required--in fact, the entire supportability of any new system--should be discussed with the Office of Logistics, thus giving us an opportunity to make inputs. To the extent that this is not currently being accomplished by OC, it should be and would, to that extent, be an appropriate subject for inclusion in the study. (C)

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3. We can gladly provide any additional details that
Messrs. [REDACTED] may require concerning this tasking. (C)

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